

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-67 are pending. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Caruso et al. (U.S. Patent N. 5,848,271).

It is noted with appreciation that dependent claim 68 recites allowable subject matter.

Without conceding the merits of the rejection and remarks made in the latest Office action, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 68.

Similarly, the subject matter of claim 68 has been incorporated in independent claims 13, 23, 35, 45, 57, and 67.

For the examiner's convenience, the claim sets are identified below:

- independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-12
- independent claim 13 and dependent claims 14-22
- independent claim 23 and dependent claims 24-34
- independent claim 35 and dependent claims 36-44
- independent claim 45 and dependent claims 46-56
- independent claim 57 and dependent claims 58-66
- independent claim 67

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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